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SENATE BILL 6217

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By Senator Hatfield

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1            AN ACT Relating to district court clerk fees; and amending RCW  
2            3.62.060.

3            BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.62.060 and 2007 c 46 s 3 are each amended to read as  
5            follows:

6            Clerks of the district courts shall collect the following fees for  
7            their official services:

8            (1) In any civil action commenced before or transferred to a  
9            district court, the plaintiff shall, at the time of such commencement  
10           or transfer, pay to such court a filing fee of forty-three dollars plus  
11           any surcharge authorized by RCW 7.75.035. Any party filing a  
12           counterclaim, cross-claim, or third-party claim in such action shall  
13           pay to the court a filing fee of forty-three dollars plus any surcharge  
14           authorized by RCW 7.75.035. No party shall be compelled to pay to the  
15           court any other fees or charges up to and including the rendition of  
16           judgment in the action other than those listed.

17           (2) For issuing a writ of garnishment or other writ, or for filing  
18           an attorney issued writ of garnishment, a fee of twelve dollars.

19           (3) For filing a supplemental proceeding a fee of twenty dollars.

1 (4) For demanding a jury in a civil case a fee of one hundred  
2 twenty-five dollars to be paid by the person demanding a jury.

3 (5) For preparing a transcript of a judgment a fee of twenty  
4 dollars.

5 (6) For certifying any document on file or of record in the clerk's  
6 office a fee of five dollars.

7 (7) For preparing a certified copy of an instrument on file or of  
8 record in the clerk's office, for the first page or portion of the  
9 first page, a fee of five dollars, and for each additional page or  
10 portion of a page, a fee of one dollar must be charged. For  
11 authenticating or exemplifying an instrument, a fee of two dollars for  
12 each additional seal affixed must be charged. For preparing a copy of  
13 an instrument on file or of record in the clerk's office without a  
14 seal, a fee of fifty cents per page must be charged. When copying a  
15 document without a seal or file that is in an electronic format, a fee  
16 of twenty-five cents per page must be charged. For copies made on a  
17 compact disc, an additional fee of twenty dollars for each compact disc  
18 must be charged.

19 (8) For preparing the record of a case for appeal to superior court  
20 a fee of forty dollars including any costs of tape duplication as  
21 governed by the rules of appeal for courts of limited jurisdiction  
22 (RALJ).

23 ~~((+8))~~ (9) For clerk's services such as processing ex parte  
24 orders, performing historical searches, compiling statistical reports,  
25 and conducting exceptional record searches, the clerk may collect a fee  
26 not to exceed twenty dollars per hour or portion of an hour.

27 (10) For duplication of part or all of the electronic recording of  
28 a proceeding ten dollars per tape or other electronic storage medium.

29 ~~((+9))~~ (11) For filing any abstract of judgment or transcript of  
30 judgment from a municipal court or municipal department of a district  
31 court organized under the laws of this state a fee of forty-three  
32 dollars.

33 (12) A service fee of three dollars for the first page and one  
34 dollar for each additional page must be charged for receiving faxed  
35 documents, pursuant to Washington state rules of court, general rule  
36 17.

1           The fees or charges imposed under this section shall be allowed as  
2 court costs whenever a judgment for costs is awarded.

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